

Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312  
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C1 17 16 38. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

- 1) forming a composition that comprises a solution, dispersion, or combination thereof of one or more polymers containing a colloid wherein the colloid comprises oligodynamic metal compounds, wherein the oligodynamic metal compounds are a plurality of metal salts, a plurality of metal oxides, or a combination of at least one metal salt and at least one metal oxide;
- 2) compounding the composition formed in (1) with one or more polymers; and
- 3) processing the composition formed in (2) with the application of heat.

C2 37 60. (Amended) A method for the manufacture of an article comprising:

- 1) forming a composition that comprises a solution, dispersion, or a combination thereof of one or more polymers containing a colloid wherein the colloid comprises one or more oligodynamic metal compounds, wherein the oligodynamic metal compounds are at least one metal salt, at least one metal oxide, or a combination of at least one metal salt and at least one metal oxide;
  - 2) compounding the composition formed in (1) with one or more polymers; and
  - 3) processing the composition formed in (2) with the application of heat;
- wherein the article comprises a medical device and the composition formed in step (2) is located on at least one exposed surface of the article.

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